

# **City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska**

**Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Item Consent1**

**Approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

**Staff Contact: City Council**

The Scottsbluff City Council met in a regular meeting on May 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff. A notice of the meeting had been published on May 3, 2019, in the Star Herald, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the City. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodations to attend the Council meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in City Hall; provided, the City Council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been emailed to each council member, made available to radio stations KNEB, KMOR, KOAQ, and television stations KSTF and NBC Nebraska, and the Star Herald. The notice was also available on the city's website on May 3, 2019.

Mayor Gonzales presided and City Clerk Wright recorded the proceedings. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Gonzales welcomed everyone in attendance and encouraged all citizens to participate in the council meeting asking those wishing to speak to come to the microphone and state their name and who they are representing for the record. Mayor Gonzales informed those in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska open meetings act is posted in the back of the room at the west wall for the public's review. The following Council Members were present: Raymond Gonzales, Jeanne McKerrigan, Nathan Green and Terry Schaub. Also present were City Manager Johnson and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Absent: Scott Shaver.

Mayor Gonzales asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Mayor Gonzales asked if any citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda wished to include an item providing the City Council determines the item requires emergency action. There were none.

Moved by Council Member Schaub, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan that,

- a) "The minutes of the April 29, 2019 Regular Meeting be approved,"
  - b) "A public hearing be set for May 20, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. for the Redevelopment Plan by Platte Valley Bank,"
  - c) "A public hearing be set for May 20, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. for the Redevelopment Plan by 1dash5 Enterprises, LLC.,"
  - d) "Receipt of the May 1, 2019 Tax Increment Financing Progress Report be acknowledged,"
- "YEAS," McKerrigan, Green Schaub, and Gonzales. "NAYS," None. Absent: Shaver.

Council Member Schaub declared a conflict of interest with one of the claims regarding a utility refund for T&A Investments, LLC of \$6.96. Moved by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "to accept Council Member Schaub's conflict of interest due to an entity he is associated with receiving a utility refund in the amount of \$6.96," "YEAS," Green, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: Shaver. Abstain: Schaub.

Mayor Gonzales made a motion, "to withdraw the utility refund item of \$6.96 from the claims and consider that item separately," seconded by Council Member Green. "YEAS," Gonzales, McKerrigan, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: Shaver. Abstain: Schaub.

Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan made a motion, "to approve the remaining claims dated May 6, 2019, as on file with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council," "YEAS," Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, and Green. "NAYS," None. Absent: Shaver.

## CLAIMS

ACTION COMMUNICATIONS INC.,SIREN REPAIR,113.3; ADVANCE AUTO PARTS,VEH MAINT,782.73; AL'S TOWING,TOW SERVICE-PD,180; ANITA'S GREENSCAPING INC,CONT. SRVCS.,252; ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE CO,LIFE INSURANCE,32.95; AUTOZONESTORES, INC,CENTRAL GARAGE- DEF FLUID,237.66; B & H INVESTMENTS, INC,DEP. SUP.,203.5; BAKER & ASSOCIATES INC,23 CLUB IMPROVEMENTS,2425; BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION LLC,MONTHLY ENERGY BILL,3057.64; BLUFFS SANITARY SUPPLY INC.,BREAK ROOM SUPPLIES,140.85; BRODART CO,DEP. SUP.,413.28; CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC.,CONTRACTUAL-PD,44; CARR- TRUMBULL LUMBER CO, INC.,EQUIP MAINT,5687.72; CELLCO PARTNERSHIP,CELL PHONES-PD,1430.36; CITIBANK N.A.,INK FOR PRINTERS,680.37; CITIBANK, N.A.,DEPT SUP,291.94; CITY OF SCB,PETTY CASH,147.92; COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY,INSURANCE,48.7;COMPUTER CONNECTIONINC,CONTRACTUAL-44;CONSOLIDATEDMANAGEMENTCOMPANY,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,160.51;CONTRACTORS MATERIALS INC.,SUPP - ADA PANELS, BITS, CAULK,780.07; CORE & MAIN LP,DEPT SUP,2815.58; CRESCENT ELECT. SUPPLY COMP INC,ELECT. SUPP - SERV. WEDGES,10.59; CROELL INC,DEPT SUP,1853.78; CYNTHIA GREEN,DEP. SUP.,257.67; D & H ELECTRONICS INC.,DEP. SUP.,20.64; DALE'S TIRE & RETREADING, INC.,NEW TIRES FOR UNIT #825,4271.43; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE,MONTHLY LONG DISTANCE,105.27; DUANE E. WOHLERS,HAULING RECYCLING TO DENVER, CO,1600; ELIZABETH HILYARD,EXPENSE - TYLER TECH CONF. (4/7/19 - 4/11/19),255; ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC.,PLATE BOLTS FOR UNIT #824,37.5; ENERGY LABORATORIES, INC DEPT 6250,SAMPLES,135; FASTENAL COMPANY,EQUIP MAINT,6.07; FAT BOYS TIRE AND AUTO,DUMP TRUCK TIRE REPAIR,28.5; FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION,POSTAGE,304.05; FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG, INC,PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR QUIET ZONE,3900; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER SCOTTSBLUFF,REPAIRS TO UNIT #824,5249.8; FRANCISCO'S BUMPER TO BUMPER INC,TOW SERVICE-PD,100; FREMONT MOTOR SCOTTSBLUFF, LLC,WATER #38- SWITCH ASSY,126.78; GAM & BSM INC.,CIP-PO-UNMARKED CAR,350; GENERAL ELECTRIC CAPITAL CORPORATION,CAR SEATS-PD,1000.52; HAWKINS, INC.,CHEMICALS,3425.2; HD SUPPLY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE LTD,DEPT SUP,852.26; HOA SOLUTIONS, INC,EQUIPMENT,360; HOBBY LOBBY STORES INC,DEPT SUPPLIES,15.93; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS INC.,DEPT SUPP PARK,18.75; HYDRONIC WATER MANAGEMENT,EQUIP. MAIN.,425; HYDROTEX PARTNERS, LTD,CENTRAL GARAGE- BARREL OF OIL,3152.1; IDEAL LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS, INC.,DEPT SUPP PARK,1210.83; INDEPENDENT PLUMBING AND HEATING, INC,GROUND MAINT PARK,766.87; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES INC,BKS.,1199.05; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,WITHHOLDINGS,108022.25; INTRALINKS, INC,DEPT SUPPLIES,3.2; INVENTIVE WIRELESS OF NE, LLC,CONTRACTUAL,57.95; JESSE LAURUHN,TRAVEL PER DIEM FIRE SCHOOL,36; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,DEPT SUPP PARK,57.91; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,DEPT SUPP PARK,107.94; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL,EQUIP,52172.57; KIESEL, ROB,SCHOOLS & CONF-PD,105; KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY INC,FIREARMS SUPPL-PD,1494; KIRK BERNHARDT,CONTRACTUAL,900; KNOW HOW LLC,PARKS #319- CLUTCH KIT AND CYLINDER,1305.44; KRIZ DAVIS,SUPP - CONDUIT FOR H.S. SIGNS,946.2; LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT,INSURANCE - STREET SWEEPER,218.04; LOU'S GLOVES INC,DEPT SUP,132; M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES, INC,DEPT CNTRCL SRVCS,1732.5; MADISON NATIONAL LIFE,INSURANCE,1781.7; MAILFINANCE INC,CONT. SRVCS.,514.76; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC,DEPT SUPP PARK,87.21; MENARDS, INC,DEPT SUP,731.32; MIDLANDS NEWSPAPERS, INC,SUBSCRIPTION ADM,444.2; MONUMENT CAR WASH INC,VEH MAINT,9.95; NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION,MEMBERSHIP,10; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER,NE CHILD SUPPORT PYBLE,2779.85; NE COLORADO CELLULAR, INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,75.5; NE DEPT OF REVENUE,TAX PAYMENT,21376.68;NE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION,MONUMENT VALLEY PATHWAY,20962.91; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER,SCHOOLS &

CONF-PD,180; NE LIBRARY COMMISSION,SBSCR. RNWL.,2105.87; NEBRASKA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION,MEMBERSHIPS,275; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPEMENT INC.,EQUI MAIN.,111; NEBRASKA MACHINERY CO,EQUIPMENT,56471.56; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT,ELECTRIC,23040.53; NEMNICH AUTOMOTIVE,POLICE #6-ALIGNMENT,79.88; NETWORKFLEET, INC,GPS SERVICE FOR FLEET,7.78; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, INC. OF SCOTTSBLUFF,GROUND MAINT PARK,99.26; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC,CONTRACTUAL,225.52; OREGON TRAIL PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING INC,CHECK FURNACE IN OFFICE,275; PANHANDLE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC,CONTRACTUAL SVC,333; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY,CONTRACTUAL,5174.59; PLATTE VALLEY BANK,HEALTH SAVINGS ACCT, 19663.52; POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 1039.18; PROTEX CENTRAL, INC.,BLDG MAINT-PD,183; QUICKSERIES PUBLISHING INC,ICS GUIDES,665.76; QUILL CORPORATION,INVEST SUPPL-PD,344.76; REGANIS AUTO CENTER, INC,POLICE #6-LINK, ARMS, RODS, SHOCK,2411.15; REGIONAL CARE INC,CLAIMS,94174.46; REGISTER OF DEEDS,LEGAL,10; RJ THOMAS MFG CO, INC,DEPT SUPP PARK,4780.3; RON'S EQUIPMENT CO INC,SMALL CAP,59844.99; RON'S TOWING,TOW SERVICE-PD,225; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT,ELECTRIC POWER,1713.58; RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, INC.,ECONOMIC DEV,6383.33; S M E C,EMPLOYEE DEDUCTION,313; SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC,VEH MAINT-PD,74.98; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC,EQUIP MAINT PARK,33.42; SCB FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 1454,FIRE EE DUES,450; SCHANK HOLDINGS INC,BUILDING MAINT,3664.97; SCOTTSBLUFF POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,POLICE EE DUES,1104; SCOTTSBLUFF SCREENPRINTING & EMBROIDERY, LLC,DEPT SUPP REC,291.58; SCOTTSBLUFF SENIOR CENTER,4/1/19 QTRLY PAYMENT,5750; SHERIFF'S OFFICE,LEGAL FEES-PD,373.84; SHERWIN WILLIAMS,PAINT SUPP - PAINT BEADS,2734.92; SIMON CONTRACTORS,BLDG MAINT PARK,6119.38; SNELL SERVICES INC.,EQUIP. MAIN.,1830; SOUNDSLEEPER SECURITY INC.,CONTRACTUAL-PD,14.95; SOUTHEAST CROSSINGS LLC,NAEM CONFERENCE LODGING,282;SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS,CONTRACTUAL-PD,400; STATE HEALTH LAB,SAMPLES,57; STERLING WEST LLC,GROUND MAINT PARK,3034.2; SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT, LTD,FIREARMS SUPPL-PD,1911.9; THE PEAVEY CORP,INVEST SUPPL-PD,30; TORRINGTON SOD FARMS,DEPT SUPP CEM,187; TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION,HIDTA CAR LEASE,343.53; TRANS IOWA EQUIPMENT LLC,NEW ELGIN STREET SWEEPER,167454.29; TWIN CITY AUTO, INC,PARTS FOR SNOW PLOW BLADES,121.86; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC,UB BANK FEES,3319.25; UNION BANK & TRUST,RETIREMENT,73814.96; UNITED STATES WELDING,ACETYLENE CYLINDER REFILLS,91.05; US BANK,SCHOOL & TRAVEL,4821.46; WESTERN COOPRTATIVE COMPANY,GROUND MAINT PARK,1209.6; WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM,WRKSHOP.,75; WESTERN SURETY COMPANY,PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BLANKET BOND,950; WINTER CREEK CANAL COMPANY,LANDFILL-POST CLOSURE TREE DUMP,2562.5;WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT,CHILD SUPPORT,1476.16;WYOMING FIRST AID & SAFETY SUPPLY, LLC,FIRST AID KIT SUPPLIES,477.52;YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NE,YMCA,753; ZM LUMBER INC,EQUIP MAINT PARK,149.63; REFUNDS; MICHAEL ADAMS, 128.54; CYNTHIA HOFFMAN, 104.93; T & A INVESTMENTS LLC, 6.96.

Council Member McKerrigan, seconded by Council Member Green, made a motion, “to approve the utility refund to T & A Investments, LLC in the amount of \$6.96,” “YEAS,” Gonzales, Green, and McKerrigan. “NAYS,” None. Absent: Shaver. Abstain: Schaub.

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. to consider and take action concerning the report of the LB840 Economic Development Program Citizen’s Advisory Committee.

City Manager Johnson explained this is a planned public hearing and state statutory requirement that requires us to review our LB840 program. Currently there are 27 active loans; all are in compliance, with a few exceptions regarding reporting that we are working on and cleaning up. Since 1996 we have awarded over \$11 million dollars and in 2018 we had 10 new businesses funded, in which the total impact reflected over 1,600 jobs created or retained through this program. The failed businesses totaled fewer than five percent.

There were no comments from the public and Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Council Member Shaver entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Council Member McKerrigan asked if the committee had considered adding retail. Mr. Johnson stated they had discussed this with the Citizen's Advisory Review Committee and they decided not to take any action, but will discuss in the future.

Council Member Schaub made the motion, "to accept the report of the LB840 Economic Development Program Citizen's Advisory Committee," seconded by Council Member McKerrigan, "YEAS," McKerrigan, Shaver, Green, Schaub, and Gonzales. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Regarding Scottsbluff Youth Council, no one was present to give a report.

Ms. Michele Denton, Executive Director with West Nebraska Arts Center approached Council regarding three special arts-related event wine permits and special designated liquor licenses for June 27, 2019; August 1, 2019; and December 6, 2019. During her presentation Ms. Denton realized she had given the wrong date for the last event and asked to withdraw that application to be brought back at a later date. Council Member Schaub made the motion, seconded by Council Member Green, "to approve the applications dated June 27, 2019 and August 1, 2019," "YEAS," Green, Schaub, Shaver, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Ms. Jessica Davies, Assistant Director for Panhandle Public Health District and Ms. Katie Bradshaw, member of Tri-City Active Living Advisory Committee were present to update Council on what has been transpiring with active living community development and design principles. They explained activities and accomplishments of the Tri-City Active Living Advisory Committee, which include accessible pedestrian signals, safe routes to school, bicycle repair stations, safe bike/walk routes and bicycle safety classes. They also commented during the presentation their willingness to give public education on subjects such as, ADA parking, blocked sidewalks, crosswalks, curb cuts, loose dogs, sidewalk maintenance, and vehicle speeds.

Mayor Gonzales asked if they have received any feedback regarding Scottsbluff being a biker friendly community. Ms. Bradshaw stated the community is biker friendly because most of the streets were built before automobiles, but added there are barriers such as the River Bridge, railroad, and highway. Ms. Davies also commented one of their future projects is signage with connectivity with Council Member Green asking if the committee has thought about putting in a Traffic Garden. Ms. Bradshaw commented she would like to utilize the ice skating rink location during the spring/summer months by painting and adding signs for it to become a Traffic Garden and is looking for people who are interested in pushing the idea forward.

Council Member Shaver, seconded by Council Member Schaub made a motion, “ to remove from the table the Proclamation naming May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week,” “YEAS,” Shaver, Gonzales, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Green. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Mayor Gonzales read the Proclamation naming May 12-18, 2019 as Police Week.

Regarding the update on collective bargaining negotiations with Fire, Police and Public Works employees, Mr. Johnson explained and gave background on the process, stating we have started negotiations with three collective bargaining units being the Police, Fire and Public Works. He stated there are ground rules approved and modified between the City and Police and Fire; there are no ground rules with Public Works at this time. Regarding the ground rules with Police and Fire, there are three meetings where each party can bring new items, they can modify items, or they can scrap items brought to the table. After the third meeting negotiations start; the representatives from Fire have had their third meeting, the Police representatives, however, have had their second meeting. Mr. Johnson stated he has nothing to report at this time for either Union, but explained that if they cannot come to an agreement then the Commission for Industrial Relations (CIR) can interject themselves into the process and demand either or both parties come to an agreement based on what they feel is appropriate. He explained with the CIR there are five to nine comparable communities, mutually agreed upon, with which we base decisions pertaining to hourly rate value, which is defined as wages, health insurance and retirement, commenting different variables are taken into the hourly rate value such as our self-funded insurance plan.

He added they negotiate with the respective Unions depending on the contract, acknowledging Police and Fire are at the end of a three year contract, hoping by October 1<sup>st</sup> to have a multi-year contract with both. Also, provisions are incorporated in the contract which allows them to have reopeners every year that pertain to wages and health insurance.

Council Member Green asked during the three meeting period if Council could interject concerns. Mr. Johnson explained he negotiates with the respective Union negotiation teams and staff; when they have reached an agreement that is acceptable he will bring it to Council for them to voice concerns on and consider approval.

Council Member Shaver asked what constitutes a comparable community. Mr. Johnson stated the CIR bases it on population; it can't be less than half or no more than double our population.

Mr. Johnson asked Council if they have concerns regarding the negotiation process that they contact him. Legal Counsel Hadenfelt echoed the comment, stating they should have an open line of communication with Mr. Johnson for anything.

Regarding receiving an update on Scottsbluff High School pedestrian and vehicle safety, Mr. Johnson stated there is cause for concern for the City and the Scottsbluff School District due to an unfortunate pedestrian/vehicle accident on 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The City, School District, and the parties involved, had a meeting where mutual beneficial activities were agreed upon, including the Resolution in the packet which would reduce the speed limit on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 20 mph at all times of the day. In addition, there will be crossing guards stationed during the morning and afternoon hours on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a qualified engineer will be hired from outside the area to do a school zone study to give recommendations to both the School District and the City.

Council Member Green stated the residential speed limit is more that the speed limit on 27<sup>th</sup> Street and wondered if this is something that should be included in a traffic study. Council Member Shaver added that changing the speed limit to 20 mph was a good thing to do and was concerned if

keeping that speed limit all year round would be accepted by the public.

Ms. Katie Bradshaw, resident, read a comment about American street design, stating that wide straight streets are common, but have a weird side effect; people deem the street as safe and are not as cautious, increasing speed. She applauds the speed limit change and the engineering studies, however if the study does not address traffic calming on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, it will not have a good effect. She asked that the Active Living Advisory Committee be included in all communication and the City ensure an ongoing conversation with the broader community to build relationships.

Mr. Jordan Colwell, resident, encouraged Council to look at the target intersection on the highway as well. He also asked if the School District was also splitting the cost of the engineering study, with Mr. Johnson stating yes.

Council Member McKerrigan, seconded by Council Member Shaver made the motion, “to approve Resolution 19-05-01 setting a new speed limit on 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway,” “YEAS,” Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, and Shaver. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

### **RESOLUTION 19-05-01**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:**

1. The public safety, convenience and welfare require that pursuant to '22-2-56 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code, the speed limit for motor vehicles on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway, be revised and established as hereinafter provided.

2. As a result of the high school renovation, the following speed limit for motor vehicles on the following street in the City shall be as follows:

<b><u>Street</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Speed</u></b> <b><u>(miles per hour)</u></b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway</b>	<b>20</b>

Provided, this paragraph shall not be construed to permit any speed in excess of that permitted in '22-2-56 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code.

3. This Resolution will amend the prior traffic Resolution 07-5-04, which contains a section that relates to other arterial or collector streets and shall apply to 27<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway, or part thereof, only. Provided, this Resolution does not affect and does not repeal any other speed limit set forth in that traffic resolution, including any other arterial or collector street, or part thereof. Provided further, the present Resolution, or any part thereof, shall not be construed so far as to affect any rights, liabilities or causes of action, either criminal or civil, existing or actions pending, at the time when this Resolution takes effect.

4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED and APPROVED** on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk (Seal)

Mr. Johnson informed Council there was a contract offer from Riverside Discovery Center for 1.4 million for five years; the first year \$300,000.00, years 2-5 \$275,000.00. He stated since the offer was different than what Council proposed he wanted to bring it forward showing action is being taken on the item.

Council Member Schaub agreed that progress is being made and asked that in 2020 approving a one year contract for \$300,000.00 and then putting a cell phone occupation tax on the ballot for the public to decide. During discussion, Council Member Shaver commented he would not support an Occupational Tax without public input.

Mr. Anthony Mason, Executive Director of Riverside Discovery Center, and Mr. Jordan Colwell, President of the Discovery Center Board approached Council and stated the number put forward of \$300,000.00 is a figure they feel they can work with, garnering alternate funding sources to make up the remainder of the funds, stating the facility does require levels of stability and they need to know what to do long term.

Mayor Gonzales, commented that he feels the City cannot continue to fund the Zoo through the General Fund, adding finding alternate funding sources would help find a solution and we need to try to find ways to come up with these sources.

Mr. Jordan Colwell, cautioned Council that the originating sales tax was for the Zoo, stating if they pursue another sales or occupation tax, will that change when a different Council takes over like it has done in the past, or will they hold firm and keep the tax monies for the Zoo? Council Member Shaver answered, saying if it goes to the people it can't be moved. Mr. Colwell disagreed saying the last two times it was passed the intent was changed and if it is earmarked for the Zoo it needs to go to the Zoo. He also asked if the tax would be for infinity, ten years or sunset. Council Member Shaver stated it would be contingent on the Zoo operating and money coming in; an occupational tax can be done, but he would like input from the citizens.

Mayor Gonzales made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shaver, "to form a committee appointing Council Members Green and Schaub to meet with the Zoo Board and other community members, including the Park Board," "YEAS," Gonzales, Green, McKerrigan, Shaver, and Schaub. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson informed Council Mr. Earl W. Johnson is the new host for the Riverside Park Campground. His contract is \$1,000.00 per month for five months through September and staff is recommending approval as it is the same contract approved as last year with a few modifications that are not substantial. Council Member Schaub asked what the revenue is from the campground. Mr. Johnson



stated the budgeted revenue for the year is around \$60,000.00. Council Member Schaub made the motion, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, “to approve the agreement with Earl W. Johnson as Campground host for the Riverside Park Campground and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement,” “YEAS,” McKerrigan, Shaver, Green, Schaub, and Gonzales. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Regarding the sand volleyball coordinator agreement, Mr. Johnson stated the coordinator would be Jo Mikesall; total contract is \$800.00 paid in two installments of \$400.00 each on June 26<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> and is the same as last year. Council Member Shaver made the motion, seconded by Council Member Schaub, “to approve the sand volleyball coordinator agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement,” “YEAS,” Green, Schaub, Shaver, Gonzales, and McKerrigan. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Mr. Johnson explained to Council the annual copier agreement for the Police Department is up for renewal; \$520.00 per year, plus 0.18 per copy over 21,000 black and white copies per year and 0.69 per copy over 2,000 color copies per year, this is the same contract and has not changed. Council Member Shaver made the motion, seconded by Council Member Green, “to approve the agreement with Copier Connection for the Police Department and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement,” “YEAS,” Shaver, Gonzales, Schaub, McKerrigan, and Green. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

There were no comments from the public. Under Council Reports, Council Member Shaver attended a meeting about PAWS and stated there will be another meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be meeting with the group from Wyoming; progress is being made with discussion on securing water rights and everyone that is going to be on board is. Mayor Gonzales stated the PADD meeting is on Thursday. He presented a key to the City to Lola Gonzales, who was the Grand Marshall in the Cinco De Mayo Parade and he attended a Prayer Proclamation on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Gering City Council Chambers with other community Mayors and Ken Meyer the Chairman of the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners. This morning he attended a Tourism Proclamation kicking of Tourism Week and asked on Thursday they welcome Governor Pete Ricketts at the airport if Budget Workshop is concluded.

Council Member Schaub, seconded by Mayor Gonzales made a motion, “to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.,” “YEAS,” Schaub, McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, and Shaver. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk  
“SEAL”

